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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

37 June 7, 2011

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**MUNICIPAL AREA EXPRESS COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION SERVICE
COUNTY UNINCORPORATED SOUTH BAY COMMUNITIES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve continuation of the County of Los Angeles' participation in the Municipal Area Express commuter transportation service for the County of Los Angeles unincorporated South Bay communities for Fiscal Years 2011-12 and 2012-13.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed program is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve continuation of the County of Los Angeles' participation in the Municipal Area Express commuter transportation service for the County of Los Angeles unincorporated South Bay communities for Fiscal Year 2011-12 at a cost not to exceed \$17,000 and Fiscal Year 2012-13 at a cost not to exceed \$36,000.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute an agreement and any necessary amendments between the County of Los Angeles and the cities in the South Bay area that will participate in the Municipal Area Express to finance the County of Los Angeles' jurisdictional share of the cost of the service.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to allow continuation of the participation of the County of Los Angeles (County) in the Municipal Area Express (MAX) commuter transportation service from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3) by providing service to the public in a responsive manner to improve the mobility of public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact on the County General Fund.

The County's share of the service for Fiscal Year 2011-12 is not to exceed \$17,000 and for Fiscal Year 2012-13 is not to exceed \$36,000.

The necessary funds are available in the Fourth Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program and included in the Recommended Fiscal Year 2011-12 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget. Funding for Fiscal Year 2012-13 will be included in the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On December 12, 1989, and in subsequent fiscal years, your Board approved the allocation of Proposition A Local Return Transit Program funds to provide the residents of the County unincorporated South Bay communities with a direct commuter transportation service to the El Segundo Employment Center. This service began on April 18, 1990, and was developed in cooperation with the South Bay cities to reduce the peak-hour traffic congestion in the South Bay area. This action continues the County's participation in providing this transportation service through Fiscal Year 2012-13.

The full operating costs for Fiscal Year 2011-12 will be financed with the Fiscal Year 1996-97 Transit Service Expansion funds the City of Torrance previously received from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. In order to build up a capital reserve to fund replacement vehicles, the participating South Bay Cities and County will pay an amount equal to half of the estimated operational costs during Fiscal Year 2011-12.

The City of Torrance, the lead agency for the program, will continue to implement and administer the service. The City of Torrance contracts for the service through a competitive bid process. The County's share of the cost of the service is based on the ridership and mileage in the County unincorporated communities as a percentage of the total riders and mileage. The agreement/amendments will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to submittal to the Director of Public Works or her designee for signature.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed activity is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the implementation of passenger or commuter transit services.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action provides for continuation of the current service. The approval of this action will not result in the displacement of any County employees.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office